

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A telephone system for connecting callers and users, comprising:
~~user-specifiable means~~ an interface configured to enable a user to define ~~for defining~~ at least one filter for filtering incoming calls and taking user-definable responses on incoming calls that satisfy the requirements of said at least one filter, in which:

the user specifies a profile;

the user has the option of modifying parameters of the specified profile, including specifying at least one filter in the profile and specifying user-specifiable parameters thereof,

the telephone system includes ~~means for guiding~~ a function to guide the user through a setup sequence; and

the telephone system includes ~~means for applying~~ another function to apply the user-specified profile and ~~for modifying~~ to automatically modify the user-specified profile in response to a location of the user.

2. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 1, in which: at least one profile depends on the status of the user, selected by the user from a list of at least two profiles, with a set of responses correlated with the status specified in the selected profile.

3. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 2, in which: at least one profile includes at least two responses that depend on the time zone in which the user is located and the time of day in that time zone.

4. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 1, in which:

at least one profile has at least two responses that are activated according to the time of day.

5. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 4, in which: at least two responses that are activated according to the time of day depend on the user's normal working hours and the user's normal sleeping hours.

6. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 1, in which: at least one profile depends on the time zone in which the user is located.

7. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 6, in which: the system identifies the time zone of the location of the user and automatically applies a profile if the time zone of the user corresponds to the time zone in the profile.

8. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 6, in which: different profiles apply to Europe, Asia and the American continents.

9. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 1, in which: at least two filters apply a different response to an incoming call of the same category.

10. Canceled

11. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 1, in which:
calls that satisfy a specified criterion pass through the filter even if they do not satisfy another criterion of the filter.

12. (Original) A telephone system for connecting callers and users according to claim 1, in which:
the user specifies a set of at least one response to at least one filter.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ A computer-readable storage medium
~~comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer,~~ the medium embodying

instructions executable by the computer for performing ~~method steps in a telephone system for connecting callers and users~~, operations comprising:

defining at least one filter for filtering incoming calls and taking user-definable responses on incoming calls that satisfy requirements of said at least one filter, in which the instructions operate to guide a user through a setup sequence wherein the user specifies a profile and further operate to enable the user to modify parameters of a specified profile, including specifying at least one filter in the profile and specifying user-specifiable parameters thereof; and applying the user-specified profile, where the instructions further operate to automatically modify the profile in response to a location of the user.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 13, in which:

at least one profile depends on the status of the user, selected by the user from a list of at least two profiles, with a set of responses correlated with the status specified in the selected profile.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 14, in which:

at least one profile includes at least two responses that depend on the time zone in which the user is located and the time of day in that time zone.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 13, in which:

at least one profile has at least two responses that are activated according to the time of day.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 16, in which:

at least two responses that are activated according to the time of day depend on the user's normal working hours and the user's normal sleeping hours.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium

according to claim 13, in which:

at least one profile depends on the time zone in which the user is located.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium
according to claim 18, in which:

the system identifies the time zone of the location of the user and automatically applies a profile
if the time zone of the user corresponds to the time zone in the profile.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium
according to claim 18, in which:

different profiles apply to Europe, Asia and the American continents.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium
according to claim 13, in which:

at least two filters apply a different response to an incoming call of the same category.

22. Canceled

23. (Currently Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ The computer-readable storage medium
according to claim 13, in which:

calls that satisfy a specified criterion pass through the filter even if they do not satisfy another
criterion of the filter.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a program of
machine-readable instructions, ~~tangibly embodied on an information-bearing medium~~ and
executable by a digital data processor, to perform actions to establish a filter for incoming calls to
the user, the actions comprising:

defining at least one filter for filtering incoming calls and taking user-definable responses on
incoming calls that satisfy the requirements of said at least one filter;

guiding a user through a sequence wherein the user specifies a profile including specifying at

least one filter in the profile and specifying at least one parameter thereof;
enabling the user to modify parameters of a specified profile; and
automatically modifying the profile based upon a location of the user.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~program~~ computer-readable storage medium of claim 24 wherein defining said at least one filter is performed via at least one of a wireless network connection and an internet connection.

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
a processor for coupling to a user of a wireless communication system to guide the user through a sequence to specify at least one profile comprising at least one filter to be applied to an incoming call to the user, and to automatically modify a specified profile in accordance with a location of the user.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said processor is coupled to the user via a wireless connection.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said processor is coupled to the user via an internet connection.